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ARTICLE I—NAME

The Association shall be known as "The Western Canada Irrigation Association."

ARTICLE II—AREA

The area covered by the Association shall be that portion of Canada lying between the Eastern boundary of the Province of Saskatchewan and the Pacific Coast, including the Island of Vancouver.

ARTICLE III—OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be: (1) to promote and diffuse knowledge concerning irrigation and other uses of water throughout Western Canada; (2) to facilitate conference and deliberation among the people of the country concerning irrigation and related interests; and (3) to provide means for bringing the needs of the people and the country before the Provincial and Dominion Governments.

ARTICLE IV—MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular annual sessions shall be held at such places as the Convention shall annually determine, the date of which shall be subsequently fixed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Association or its officers and committees may be held at times and places determined by the Association or its officers, and may be convened upon the call of the President or any other two officers.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall consist of an Hon. President, a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, an Executive Committee, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected, with exception of the Secretary-Treasurer (known as Permanent Secretary), who shall remain in office until removed by action of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Vacancies from any cause may be filled by the officers at any meeting.

Section 4. The duties of these officers may at any time be prescribed by formal action of the Convention. In the absence of such action their duties shall be those implied by their designation and established by custom.

ARTICLE VI—COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of eight members. The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between Conventions, shall have power to initiate plans and meet emergencies, and shall report to the Convention on the opening day of each session through the Permanent Secretary. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall annually appoint a Local Treasurer and a Local Secretary, who shall be residents of the city or town chosen for the following year's Convention. The duties of the Local Secretary and Treasurer shall be the handling of arrangements and funds in connection with the forthcoming Convention.

Section 3. A Committee on Credentials consisting of three members shall be appointed by the Chairman on the first day of each session of the Convention. Their duty shall be to examine and report the names of delegates in good standing who have signed the official register of attendance.

Section 4. A Committee on Resolutions consisting of three members shall be appointed by the Chairman on the first day of each session of the Convention. Their duty shall be the consideration of such resolutions as may be presented and their submission to the Convention.

ARTICLE VII—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The basis of representation shall be as follows:

His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada.

The Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

All members of the Dominion Parliament.

All members of the Legislative Assembly of the Provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The Deputy heads of the Departments of Agriculture, Lands and Public Works of the Provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Editors of agricultural journals published in Western Canada.

Two delegates each for all railways.

Two delegates each for all irrigation and irrigation colonization companies operating in the Provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The Dominion Commissioner of Irrigation.

Two delegates each for all agricultural, horticultural, forestry and live stock associations in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Two delegates each for all municipal, village and rural organizations.

Three delegates each for all boards of trade, chambers of commerce and kindred organizations.

Five delegates for the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

Five delegates each for the Dominion and Provincial Land Surveyors' Association of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

One delegate each for experimental and demonstration farms maintained by the Dominion or Provincial Governments.

All Provincial Irrigation Commissioners.

The Dominion Superintendent of Forestry.

One delegate from the Canadian Commission of Conservation.

The permanent officers of the Association and such others as may from time to time be added by resolution at any meeting of the Association.

Section 2. Throughout each session of the Convention the Secretary shall keep a list of the duly accredited delegates and shall hold same open to examination or call of the Convention, to appeal and action by the Committee on Credentials, and in the absence of appeal or action, shall constitute the membership of the body for that session.

Section 3. All bodies entitled to representation will forward the names of their delegates to the Secretary at as early a date as possible prior to the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII—FUNDS

The necessary funds required for the purposes of the Convention shall be provided from contributions received by the Local Committees at points where the Conventions are to be held; Government grants and such other contributions as the officers may obtain.

ARTICLE IX—VOTING AND RESOLUTIONS

Section 1. Each member of the Convention present shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2. Each body entitled to representation and each delegate to the Convention shall have the privilege of submitting resolutions.

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any annual Convention, provided notice of the proposed amendments shall be mailed to the Secretary at least three months prior to the Convention, and that notice of such amendments shall be incorporated in the official call.

RULES

FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL CON- VENTION OF THE WESTERN CANADA IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION

1. After the opening, each morning session shall be called to order at 9:30 a.m. and each afternoon session at 2:30 p.m. Unless otherwise ordered by vote of the Convention, evening sessions or other events shall begin at 8 p.m. Morning sessions shall adjourn at 12:30 p.m. unless otherwise ordered by vote of the Convention.

2. All sessions shall open promptly.

3. In the absence of the President at the time fixed for the opening, the duty of calling to order shall devolve on the First Vice-President, and in his absence on the Second Vice-President, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the Secretary, in the order here given.

4. Any delegate or other member desiring to speak shall address the Chair, and unless called on by name shall begin by giving his name and place. Communications on subjects not entered in the program shall be limited to minutes, unless otherwise directed by vote of the Convention.

5. General resolutions, after reading, shall be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without debate, and no general resolution shall be received after the opening of the Convention without unanimous consent. Special resolutions relating to the conduct of the Association may be read and considered at the discretion of the presiding officer after examination by him.

6. The time of speakers in general discussion shall be limited to minutes, and the time of speakers on questions or resolutions relating to the conduct of the Convention shall be limited to minutes, unless otherwise directed by vote of the Convention.

7. The time of the first speaker in the program of each daily session shall be limited to minutes, and that of each other speaker on the program to minutes; and minutes shall be allowed for discussion following each address.

8. For the convenience of the Convention and speakers, a bell will ring once three minutes before the close and twice at the close of the time allotted to each speaker on the program. In the course of discussion and in addresses not entered in the program, the bell will ring once one minute before the close and twice at the close of the time allotted to the speaker under these rules.

9. Any speaker rising to address the Convention who is in the employ, whether by retainer or otherwise, of any public service corporation which is interested in the action or subjects of deliberation of this Convention, shall mention the fact and nature of such employment before proceeding to speak.

10. Excepting the decorations provided by the Convention, banners shall not be displayed, nor shall printed matter be distributed or sold in the auditorium without written authority from the Executive Committee.

11. After adoption by the Convention in open session, these rules shall remain in force throughout the Convention, but may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote.

Western Canada Irrigation Association

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION 1912.

Honorary President :

HON. T. W. PATTERSON, Lieut-Governor, B.C.

President :

HON. W. R. ROSS, Minister of Lands, B.C.

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Permanent Secretary :

NORMAN S. RANKIN, Calgary, Alta.